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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of :
Yoshihiko HIROTA, et al. :
Serial No.: 09/263,805 : Group Art Unit: 2623
Filed: March 08, 1999 : Examiner: Wu, J.
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND COLOR
IMAGE DETERMINATION METHOD THEREOF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Official Action
mailed July 5, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 8, 10, 11, 13-16, 18-20, 22-28, 31, 34, 36-44, 52 and 56 as
follows:

~~1.~~ (Twice Amended) An image processing apparatus including:

~~B1~~ a brightness ~~data~~ extracting section for extracting brightness data from image information
of each pixel;

means for determining a reference value based on extracted brightness data;